

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please substitute the following new paragraph for the paragraph including page 14, line 8.

In Fig. 5A, the shape of pocket 500 is formed as sides 104A and 104B are bent inward and joined at seam 104. Elastic strip 400 is applied to fit the groin of the wearer as pocket 500 elasticizes around the pubic area. The opposite end of the pocket 500 is folded and stitched at lines 403 and 404, preferably covered by an elastic strip 403a that improves fit and water resistance. In Fig. 5B, the cuff 160 is joined to layer 16A at the other end of pocket 500, at overlock stitch ~~162~~ 163. Folded walls 104A and 104B are seamed at 104, creating a top and under surface of the pocket now both held together by overlock stitching ~~162~~ 163. Pocket 401 of Fig. 5 established under and longitudinally between stitches 403, 404 retains one end of an optional absorbent pad 19, as shown. The opposite end of the pad is retained by the pocket 500 at cuff 160. The panty will be seamed at 102, and is now ready for application of elastic to the outer edge of the protective underwear.